**Rusal Refinery Project**

103. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Cabinet had approved the setting up of the six million tonne Rusal Refinery Project in 1984;

(b) if so, what are the reasons that during the last 2 and half years the modal of the project could not be finalised;

(c) whether as a result of the delay the project cost has gone up and if so, to what extent; and

(d) by when the final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) to (d) Government had approved the setting up of a 6 MTPA refinery at Karnal in September, 1984. However, during the finalisation of the Seventh Plan resource constraints were coming in the way of financing this refinery in the public sector. As such it has since been decided to set up the refinery in the joint sector. The cost estimated at Rs. 1500 crores (1985 prices) against an estimated cost of Rs. 1359.07 crores at March, 1984 prices.

---

The House then adjourned at five minutes past twelve of the clock, till eleven of the clock on Wednesday, the 15th April, 1987.

MGIPMRND—319 RS—RS I—14-7-87.